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SUBJECT:ANTARCTIC TREATY: RESPONSE TO UK INVITATION TO
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SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING; SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING

REF: A) LONDON 5916; B) LONDON 6288; C) STATE 82617
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1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER TO FCO A NOTE WITH THE FOLLOWING
OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS:

QUOTE. ...THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACCEPTS THE INVITATION OF HER MAJESTY'S PRINCIPLE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS TO BE REPRESENTED AT A SPECIAL ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING TO BE HELD IN LONDON ON JULY 25, 1977.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO ESTABLISH A CONSENSUS ON POLAND'S STATUS AS A CONSULTATIVE PARTY AND ON PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION TO CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS, HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IX OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY, OF ANY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES ASSERTING A RIGHT TO ATTEND UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF THAT ARTICLE. END QUOTE.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE POINT INFORMALLY TO FCO THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT WORDING OF THE UK INVITATION "TO SIGNATORY STATES OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY" WOULD EXCLUDE ANY POLISH PARTICIPATION AT THE SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING, BUT IF CONSENSUS IS REACHED ON POLAND'S CONSULTATIVE STATUS, THE U.S. HOPES THAT POLAND WOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND SUCH PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR THE NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING WHICH MAY BE CONVENED FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING.

3. RE CONVENING OF A SECOND EXTENDED PREPARATORY MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING, EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE AT APRIL 28 MONTHLY PREPARATORY MEETING IS AUTHORIZED TO PROPOSE THAT SUCH BE DONE. HE SHOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT WHILE SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING CAN, OF CONFIDENTIAL

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COURSE, ADDRESS ANY APPROPRIATE SUBJECT, WE ASSUME THAT THE ISSUE OF MARINE LIVING RESOURCES WILL BE THE ONE PRINCIPALLY ADDRESSED.

4. DEPARTMENT NOTES FCO'S DESIRE NOT TO CIRCULATE FOR COMMENT THE UK INFORMAL PROPOSAL FOR PROCEDURES TO ADMIT QUALIFIED TREATY ACCEDING PARTIES TO CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS UNTIL IT HAS BEEN TABLED AT THE APRIL 28 MEETING AT THE REQUEST OF SOME OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRY. WE WILL THEREFORE WITHHOLD COMMENT AT THIS TIME BUT WILL BE PREPARED TO INFORM THE UK OF OUR VIEWS AFTER THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED.

5. IF EMBASSY HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS IT CONVEY TO FCO THE CONTENTS OF REFTEL C REGARDING U.S. APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EIGHTH ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING.

6. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INFORM HEAP THAT DEPARTMENT WILL

WELCOME HIS PROFFERED REPORT ON HIS RECENT CONSULTATIONS
IN CAPITALS OF CERTAIN OTHER TREATY PARTIES, INCLUDING
ANY INDICATIONS OF SOVIET THINKING ABOUT ITS ACTING AS
HOST OF THE TENTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING.

7. EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO OBTAIN AND AIRPOUCH A COPY
OF PAPER DELIVERED BY DR. BRIAN ROBERTS AT THE RECENT
CHILEAN SYMPOSIUM ON ANTARCTIC DEVELOPMENT. THE PAPER,
ENTITLED "INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR ANTARCTIC DEVELOP-
MENT: THE TEST FOR THE ANTARCTIC TREATY", IS DESCRIBED
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